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## ELWELL NEWS

By Our Own Correspondent

Acy Haight of Barryton has been employed by Albert Fisher for the coming year. Mr. Fisher has one of the finest herds of cows in the county. He also has one of the best equipped dairy barns. His barn will stable forty head. Everything is up to date and sanitary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Keyes of Linton, North Dakota, who have been visiting relatives here returned to their home Friday. Mr. Keyes, as will be remembered, spent his boyhood days here, going to North Dakota when quite young. Mr. Keyes today is ranching and farming 2500 acres of land in that state.

Charlie Haven transacted business in Alma Tuesday.

Mr. Wilson of St. Louis was a Sunday visitor at the Sandel home.

I. P. Taylor, H. B. Currence and Bert Anderson were Alma business callers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hulwick spent Saturday in Alma.

Miss Hazel Grant and Miss Tressa Fisher have returned to Big Rapids after spending the holidays with their parents.

Henry Cornbert ate New Year's dinner at the Bert Culver home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanes visited relatives at Camp Custer last week.

Mrs. George Sandel of Alma visited relatives at this place Thursday.

Miss Anna Mallory is improving from her recent illness.

Theo Greenhoe transacted business in Alma Saturday.

Edd Owens of Coleman visited with friends here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Owens were former residents of Elwell. Mrs. Owens, who has been ill for a number of years, died of cancer and was buried last Thursday at Coleman.

Little Donald Woodward has been very ill for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Flety Nils of Vestaburg and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nils of Alberta, Canada, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Freed.

Miss Rachel Glesson spent the week-end at Elmore.

Master Leslie Olmstead is confined to his home with the measles.

Miss Fern Nelson, who has been spending the past week in Sumner, returned home Saturday evening.

Levi Pritchard was a St. Louis business caller Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Pugsley and Mrs. Nellie Sudler were in Ithaca Saturday in the interest of the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Medler and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waber autoed to Alma Friday.

Mrs. Henry Mallory is the new teacher at the Townsend school. Mrs. Mallory comes to us well recommended as a teacher and her success is assured.

The Misses Amy Mallory and Ruth Catron have returned to their school duties at the Mt. Pleasant Normal, after spending the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Bert Anderson visited friends and relatives at Cedar Lake last week.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Post are confined to their home with the measles.

Archie Hildred is spending some time at the Theo Greenhoe home.

Don Currence of Alma visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Currence Saturday.

Bert Anderson, who rented the I. F. Taylor building, has put in a full supply of meat.

Dr. McLaughlin transacted business in Saginaw last week.

Mrs. Bowers and daughter, Mrs. Claud Nichols, spent Saturday in Alma.

Clothed in the regulation khaki uniform and wearing the leather leggings and insignia of the U. S. Army, Clere Mallory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mallory, Theodore Strick and Lehr Apple arrived in Elwell last week on a four days furlough. Since their arrival they have been as busy as bees, shaking hands with their numerous friends, relating their army experiences and describing the places of interest. It is needless to say they enjoyed their stay here to the fullest extent.

George Abbott lost a valuable horse Monday. It was taken sick while coming to Elwell with a load of gravel. The horse was placed in Mr. Courter's livery barn.

The large amount of money taken in by the social in the Mallory district held recently at the school house, gives every citizen of that community ample reason to feel proud. They all gave liberally in support of those things which are intended to provide certain comforts for the boys, who are going out to fight the nation's battles. It was a box social. Forest LaPugh was the auctioneer and as each box was called everyone was liberal in their bids, the boxes bringing from three to four dollars each, which indicates the loyalty and patriotism are not unsubdued and unalloyed. Miss Jones deserves a great deal of credit for her efforts. The proceeds taken in were given to Mrs. W. C. Pugsley president of the Red Cross work at this place.

Earl Woodward sold to Alma parties last week 18 head of cattle which brought him one thousand and four dollars.

A watch party was held New Year's Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mallory. The guest of honor was their son, Claude, of Camp Custer. Music, games and cards were the features of the evening. A delightful lunch was served. All returned home wishing Claude health, good luck and a safe return home at the close of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shong spent New Years with Mrs. Shong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horton of Riverdale.

Miss Esther Horton of Riverdale spent New Year's day at the Ralph Mallory home.

Mr. and Mrs. Audley Charter visited Mrs. Charter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Freed New Year's day.

Mrs. Harry Toft visited Mrs. Leonard Hiddlebaugh in Alma, Wednesday.

Miss Mary Wiltshire visited her parents over Sunday.

Mr. Joslin and Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Arris of Elm Hall spent Sunday at the Bert Culver home.

Edd Hillis and family of Portland spent New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Freed.

## BRECKENRIDGE

Miss Ivah Partee, who is teaching at Mt. Morris, spent the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Walter Zimmerman of Saginaw visited old friends here part of last week.

Mrs. Dan Fairbanks, who is teaching in Iowa, spent a part of her holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. W. O. Watson, and her sister, Mrs. Chester Jenkins.

Rev. George E. Brown returned home Wednesday evening from Port Huron and Sarnia, Canada, where he has been spending the holidays. Mrs. Brown and her son will remain a few days longer until Mrs. Brown fully recovers from an attack of the grippe, which she contracted shortly after their arrival.

Miss Bertha Sexton was hostess Wednesday afternoon to the Young Ladies' Sewing Club. The afternoon was delightfully spent with visiting and knitting and at five o'clock a delicious luncheon was served. Mrs. Walter Zimmerman of Saginaw was the guest of the club.

Miss Inger Carl, the seventeen year old daughter of Mrs. Norman Bradford, died at their home east of town, Monday evening, December 31st, after an illness of many months with pneumonia. The body was taken to Frankmunth Tuesday in charge of Undertaker Charles Watson. Funeral services were held at that place.

The Masonic fraternity of this city observed St. John's Day, (December 27) with an elaborate dinner at six o'clock and an evening session when officers for the ensuing year were installed.

Mrs. Fred Weirman died at her home here on Friday afternoon after a short illness of pneumonia. She leaves to mourn their loss four sons; James and Frank of this city, Clyde of Ferris Center, Riley of Merrill, and two daughters; Mrs. Wellington Cruson of Saginaw, Mrs. William Conklin of Ohio, and numerous grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Crawford and daughter, Marguerite, and Mr. Alf Crawford and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Downie of Detroit, motored to Ithaca Tuesday where they the new year in. Dancing was enjoyed by Crawford and family.

Geo. F. Hutton and family attended the funeral of his brother, Frank, at St. Louis last Monday. Frank Hutton enlisted on August 14, 1917, in Co. L 10th U. S. Inf. and at the time of his death was stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis.

On New Year's Eve about fifty young people gathered at the opera house to watch the old year out and the new year in. Dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening. Miss Anita Stevens, pianist, and Messrs. Ward Hodge, violin, and Harry Stevens, trombone, furnishing the music. At midnight a dainty lunch was served, consisting of assorted sandwiches, olives, cake and coffee.

Two very interesting and rather exciting basket ball games were played between St. Louis and Breckenridge at St. Louis Friday evening.

The B. H. S. boys regular team played the St. L. H. S. second team and the result was twenty-five to ten in favor of Breckenridge. Those playing on the B. H. S. team were Du Vold Shepherd, Chalmers McCall, Milo Pomeroy, Stephen Colby, Roy Anderson and Lawrence Hodge. A more exciting game was played between St. L. H. S. team and Breckenridge town team, the score being nineteen to twenty-two. Those playing on the Breckenridge team were Harold, Bailey, Loren Sawyer, Russell Allen, Fay Anderson and Clarence Emery. There were about thirty young people from here who attended the games.

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## SOUTHEAST COE

Roy Boyels and wife are here making his parents a few days visit before starting in the grocery business in St. Louis, where they are living.

M. Leonard who recently suffered a broken arm is reported to be improving rapidly.

Charles Oliver and family of Alma spent New Year's here with Mrs. Oliver's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hamilton, who have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Hugh Byers, in Alma, were expected to return home Sunday but because of the heavy storm were unable to come home.

C. O. Alexander made a business trip to the southern part of the state last week. He returned home Saturday, but will be called back again this week.

Mrs. Flora Alexander visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. Dutt, of Alma last week. She also had the pleasure of visiting with her nephew, Lieut. Chas. Dutt.

Albert Cline started working for C. O. Alexander Monday.

Mrs. Emma Leonard is reported as very ill at this writing.

Alva Hopkins of St. Louis was home from Wednesday to Saturday, helping his father get in wood.

A. Leonard has rented the Elizabeth Leonard farm again this year.

The new minister, Rev. Starr, commenced his work here Sunday, but because of the severe weather only a few people were out to greet him. Special services will be held Sunday.

## ITHACA

Paul Hilburn and family have moved to Lansing, where Mr. Hilburn will take charge of the printing department of the industrial school.

Howard Burchard is home from France on a furlough. He is a gunner on the merchant ship S. S. Teresa, which dropped anchor at New Port News, Va., December 23. Since he sailed in October he has been in Ireland, France and England. On their return trip their boat was attacked one night by a submarine, one torpedo passed in front and another under so no harm was done. Every man was called to his post however, but they were not attacked again.

Eugene Becker and Miss Pearl Hill both of Hamilton township were married at the M. E. parsonage Monday by Rev. C. L. Beebe. They were attended by the groom's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. T. Thum of Hamilton.

Alva Michael of Sumner township and Miss Anna Anderson of Lake City, Mich., were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. William Roberts, December 24. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Michael, parents of the groom, of Sumner.

William Swift of North Star, father of Henry Swift, cashier at the Ann Arbor depot, died Friday. The funeral was held Sunday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Baker of the North Star M. E. church officiated and interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

William C. Searl writes from the Officers Training School at Camp Custer to which he has recently been assigned, that the eight hundred soldiers in that school will probably receive their training there instead of at some point in the south as originally intended.

The examination of Albert Eichorn charged with the murder of Beatrice Epler was commenced at the court room Tuesday morning of this week. The people are represented by Prosecuting Attorney O. L. Smith, and Judge Kelly S. Searl of the law firm of Lyon & Searl at St. Johns. Chas. H. Goggin of Alma and George P. Stone appear for the defendant. The examination of Eichorn will be followed by that of John Brennan of Flint and that of Inez Johnson of Alma both of whom were also charged with complicity in the crime. Mrs. Johnson will be represented by Attorneys Stone and Goggin while Brennan will be defended by Purcell & Travis of Saginaw. The courtroom has been crowded to its full capacity.

## THE THEATRE

## The Idlehour.

The big attraction at the Idlehour this coming week is the popular celebrity of both the opera and the screen, Geraldine Farrar, in one of the greatest spectacular productions of the year, "The Woman God Forgot."

The story is by Jeanie Macpherson, and is based upon the conquest of Montezuma by Cortez. Cecil B. De Mille's direction of the picture has provided a barbaric background against which the romance between the daughter of Montezuma and a captain serving under Cortez stand out vividly. There is tense suspense in the weird rites of human sacrifice shown in the Aztec temple and there are thrills in the battle at the summit of Montezuma's stronghold.

There are old palaces, sacrificial altars, scores of fearless Spanish adventurers and even more of Aztecs, and there are intrigues, attacks and slaughters. Particular fine is a great expanse of stairs, on which takes place some unusually realistic fighting.

The management has arranged to show this stupendous production Sunday and Monday so that everyone may have an opportunity of seeing it. Tuesday, Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," will be at the Idlehour for a return engagement so that those who were unable to see this picture on Thanksgiving day may be able to see it now.

Wednesday the added attraction for the day is Fatty Arbuckle in his latest picture, "The Country Heav." Come prepared to laugh for there will be plenty of occasion.

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Mary Pickford in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," return engagement—Idlehour, Tuesday—adv.

## BOLIVIA'S CITY OF SILENCE

Santa Cruz De La Sierra Far From the Outside World—Mail Reaches New York in Two Months.

"The only tropical city of Bolivia it stands from 1500 feet above sea level so far from the outside world that mail deposited on January 7 reached New York on March 11. Of the 19,000 inhabitants of Santa Cruz De La Sierra, 11,000 are female, writes Harry A. Franck in the Century.

"It is a city of silence. Spreading over a dead-flat, half-sandy, jungled plain, its right-angled streets are deep in reddish sand in which not only its shod feet, by no means in the majority, though the upper class is almost foppish in dress, but even the solid wooden wheels of its clumsy ox carts made not a sound. There is no modern industry to lend its strident voice, though the town boasts three 'stream establishments' for the making of ice, the grinding of maize and the sawing of lumber, and every street fades away at either end into the whispering jungle. Narrow sidewalks of porous red bricks, roofed by the wide overhanging eaves of the houses, often upheld by pillars or poles, line most of the streets. But these are by no means continuous, and being commonly high above the street level and often taken up entirely, especially of an evening, by the families, who consider this their veranda rather than the pedestrian's right of way, the latter generally finds it easier to plod through the sand of the street itself.

Africans go to the mission dispensaries to be cured of bites from all kinds of animals, and a large number of them are cured. The commonest bites are from snakes, say a writer in World Outlook. In Inhamhane are 18 to 20 varieties of poisonous snakes, some very deadly, whose bites mean a fight for life. Hyenas kill or carry off hundreds of children each year, and most of those who are rescued have terrible scarp wounds, as the hyena carries a child by the head. Other biting pests of the region are lions, from whom few escape alive; scorpions, very poisonous and fond of getting into beds; hypo flies, large flies that in biting take huge pieces of flesh and cause great swellings; sharks, of which the bay is full.

But the most common, bite and seemingly the hardest to heal, is the human bite. The Africans when they get angry use their teeth to good advantage. There is scarcely a morning that several do not come to the dispensary. One boy had his lower lip bit off, and for him a new lip was made.

Legal Anatomy. I followed with interest from time to time the innocent errors of the little blue-eyed helpmate of the office. I doubt not that, without her help, greater mistakes in typing would be made; not in spelling or grammar, perhaps, but such as these: "Dear Sir yours of the 1st received and I reply will say," etc.

Be that as it may, I have one here which I think worthy of a paper. I dictated as follows:

"Such a proposition, couched as it is in terms to mislead the jury, is not a true statement of the law, is untenable and is certain to mean defeat to the ends of justice."

My stenographer evidently thought that our courts use a defeated litigant much as father does an unfavorable suitor for daughter's hand, for she wrote:

"Such a proposition, couched as it is in terms to mislead the jury, is not a true statement of the law, is untenable and is certain to meet the feet in the hands of the justice."—West's Docket.

Woman Suffrage. It was in the early days of the advanced movement of woman suffrage, muses an exchange, when by the magistrate's orders a number of "enthusiasts" went to Holloway jail. Among them was a most excellent charwoman who was employed at Clement's inn. A sympathetic meeting was held on their release, at which the chairman spoke in eloquent terms. "Here you have," he remarked, "a body of delicately nurtured, earnest-minded women who, for some trifling infraction of the law, find themselves condemned to prison, and there for the first time in their lives—"

"Beg pardon, sir, for interrupting," said the charwoman, jumping up hastily, "but I think I ought to tell you that I did once get seven days for banging my old man on the nose!"

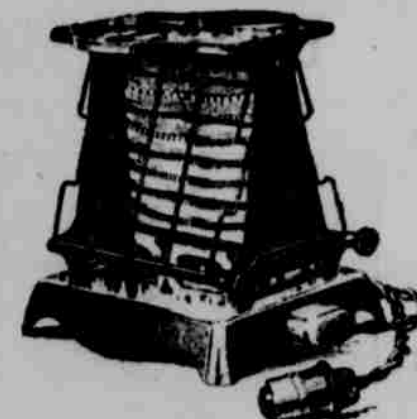
Ship of the Desert. Because of its peculiar swaying motion in walking, the camel has been called the "ship of the desert." This title may also have some reference to the extreme stupidity and passivity of the animal, says Popular Science Monthly, which submits to great loads, which it will often carry for days at a time without stopping for food or drink, with no more urging than a ship would require from the hands of its pilot.

The manner in which the drivers hobble the camels when they stop for a rest is interesting. They do not depend upon stakes driven in the deep, yielding sand, but simply double back and the one end of the forelegs of the animal, so that it can lie down or rise up, but cannot move from the spot.

Cured at a Cost of 25 Cents. "Eight years ago when we first moved to Mattoon, I was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation," writes Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill. "I had frequent headaches and dizzy spells, and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on my stomach and chest all the time. I felt miserable. Every morsel of food distressed me. I could not rest at night and felt tired and worn out all the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets cured me and I have since felt like a different person."

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The contest begins Nov. 23 and ends June 1st, 1918, at 7 o'clock p. m. A ballot box has been placed in Charles R. Murphy's Drug Store, where all ballots are to be deposited. At the close of the contest the Church, School, Lodge or Society having the largest number of votes will be awarded the Library. Current accounts when promptly paid will be entitled to votes. Remember, votes can only be secured from the merchants listed below. The Library and cases are now on exhibition in the show window of G. V. Wright's Furniture Store. The following is a list of the merchants. Patronize these merchants and get busy with the votes:

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